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Doug, it's not even a question of sharing a pain from a distance, I feel part of that pain. The pictures on TV don't make the event any more real, for me, right now. Something structural is changing in the world, something unforeseen in the way politics will relate to our every day lives. Although I've always tended to feel American in France (after all, I was born with my American passport and only acquired the French one years later), the event enhances the feeling a lot. I've never devalued patriotic feelings, although I don't usually make much a case of them for myself. At least, things are getting clearer, after this "second Pearl Harbor", the "face" of an enemy is emerging. Downstairs, I heard an Arab say rather hesitantly that he thought it might be the American Indians... I don't think there will be much sleep tonight. The volunteer work you're doing is beautiful, and if I were in the US (10 days ago, I was in NY!! and my parents came back the day before yesterday from there), I would be right up there doing the same thing. I'd like to hear more about what you think, what you're Dad says, and what's "in the air". Here, I've never seen my Dad in such a state of shock, and my Mom was crying. But most people are also completely repelled. What President Chirac said this evening certainly wasn't rhetoric, for once. Suddenly we feel that there is more to our occidental judeo-christian world than economic forces and more or less healthy competition. Obviously, some felt that the US got what they deserved for their "arrogance"- those that rejoiced at the infamous Durban summit, that maybe shares something of a metaphysical link with what just

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happened.

Birth of the new barbarism; and in Lebanon and palestinian territories,
people were shouting and rifling there joy, allahou akbar, under the
sky

where I hope their god is not.

Hear from you soon, and bon courage, mon ami.

David.

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